

**Section I. (Amendments to the Specification)**

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, please insert below the title, “**METHOD FOR DETECTING ANALYTES BY MEANS OF AN ANALYTE/POLYMERIC ACTIVATOR BILAYER ARRANGEMENT**,” and before paragraph [0001], the following new paragraph:

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §371 and claims the priority of International Patent Application No. PCT/SG2004/000351 filed 25 October 2004, which in turn claims the priority of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/515,229 filed 29 October 2003. The disclosures of said International Patent Application and said U.S. Provisional Patent Application are hereby incorporated herein by reference, in their respective entireties.